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## INTELLIGENCE REPORT

**SUBJECT**      Activities at the Elblag Shipyards

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1. While an attempt is being made to reconstruct the former "Schichau" shipyards at Elblag (Elbing) (Q55/Y90), at the western border of East Prussia, the degree to which these yards can participate in Poland's "Three Year Shipbuilding Plan" is negligible. In order to bring these yards up to the required level for production, it will be necessary to install almost all the machinery essential for shipbuilding. There now seems little chance of obtaining such machinery through German reparations, and the attempt to make purchases abroad [redacted] failed in June 1947.
2. Nearly all of the "Schichau" mechanical equipment was removed by the Soviets. Most of the tools left at the yards, including sixty heavy lathes, had already been damaged by the Germans.
3. The yards now employ about 700 men, but have only one usable workshop, which was put in order this year. About three-fourths of the workers are making repairs on buildings and rail lines; the remainder are reconstructing equipment and making repairs on small craft and barges. Work at the yards appears to proceed without much planning.
4. One pressure chamber for testing pocket submarines still exists, but it is devoid of machinery and will be demolished as the yard reconstruction work continues.
5. The present director of the Elblag shipyards is Stefan Rybinski, a specialist, [redacted]
6. Prior to and during the war, these yards were important producers of submarines for the Germans.

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